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Dear Friends,

We at Chapelwood were very excited to hear of the positive result of Fair Haven's recent merger vote. We believe God will use this opportunity to extend the work of the Kingdom.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the executive pastor at Chapelwood, and I have been asked to create and lead a Transition Team of 10-12 Fair Haven and Chapelwood folks to guide our merger. While the decision to merge won't be final until Chapelwood's vote at its May 16th Church Conference, we are confident enough to begin our transition work. Our goal is to have the merger completed by year end.

The Transition Team will be responsible for the actual work of merging our two congregations. They will create and oversee several "Tiger teams" that will be responsible for crucial pieces of the work, such as, facilitating communications, completing the required legal documents, making decisions about finances, staffing, mission & ministry, etc. We are currently in the process of recruiting people to serve on these teams.

With the announcement of Rev. Paul Thomasson's reappointment to Mineola effective July 1, one important decision before us concerns new pastoral leadership for Fair Haven. We understand how important this is to the Fair Haven congregation and we will communicate with you as soon as a decision is made. Rest assured, Fair Haven will have committed leadership throughout the merger process.

We at Chapelwood look forward to getting to know each of you and welcoming you into our portion of Christ's family as together we do the work of God's Kingdom.

Together In Christ,

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